Chat Bot through RASA

1. Introduction:

A chatbot is an artificial intelligence (AI) software that can simulate a conversation (or a chat) with a user in natural language through messaging applications, websites, mobile apps or through the telephone.

1.1 Importance of ChatBot:

Chatbot is often described as one of the most advanced and promising expressions of interaction between humans and machines. However, from a technological point of view, a chatbot only represents the natural evolution of a Question Answering system leveraging Natural Language Processing (NLP).

1.2 Applications of ChatBot:

- Pizza Order.
- Product Suggestion
- Weather Report
- News and etc.,

2. Prerequisites:

• Python – Version: 3.6

RASA NLU – Version : Rasa 1.9.6

3. Introduction to RASA:

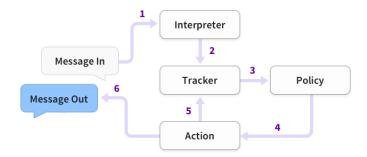
3.1 About Rasa:

Rasa Open Source is a conversational AI framework for building contextual assistants. Rasa is an open source machine learning framework for automated text and voice-based conversations. Understand messages, hold conversations, and connect to messaging channels and APIs.

Rasa Open Source includes

- NLU: determines what the user wants and captures key contextual information.
- Core: selects the next best response or action based on conversation history.
- Channels and integrations: connect assistant to users and backend systems.

3.2 Architecture of Rasa:



4. Problem Statement:

4.1 About:

The aim is to build a chat bot which answers the user queries about the number of corona virus cases within Indian states and all countries across the globe with its geographic location, about the corona virus, the symptoms and the preventive measure.

5. **Solution – Approach:**

5.1 Technical Stack:

- Python version 3.6
- Rasa version 1.9.6
- mongoDB version 4.2.3

5.2 Libraries & Packages:

- Flask
- Pandas
- Requests
- Geopy

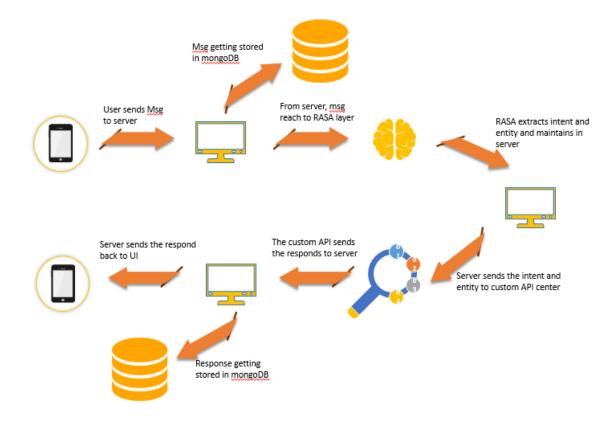
5.3 Third Party API's and License:

API's used: https://corona.lmao.ninja/docs/
Github: https://github.com/NovelCOVID/API

License



5.4 Solution Architecture:



6. Implementation:

6.1 Library installation:

- Create a conda environment using "conda create –n <env name>"
- Activate the conda environment.
- Install the RASA using "pip install rasa", "pip install rasa-x -

i https://pypi.rasa.com/simple"

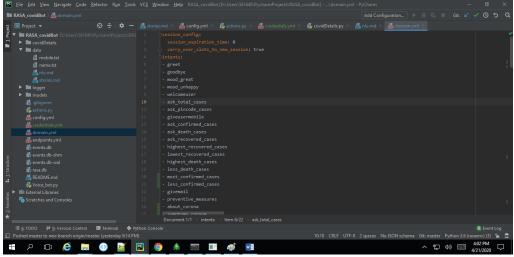
- Install spacy using pip install -U spacy
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 - python -m spacy download en_core_web_md
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6.2 Project Setup:

- Create a project "covid_RASA", using pycharm
- Open the command line and execute the command "rasa init" to get the default files.
- From data/nlu.md create all your required intent and the training data.

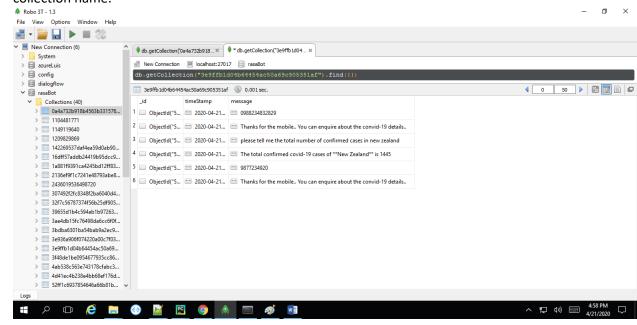
• From data/stories.md create a particular story/conversation that the bot should track through with intents and the utterances/actions.

Under **domain.yml** map your intents and the required actions/utterances i.e., the responses that bot should response back based on the story.



- Once the above steps are done, from the command line/terminal run "rasa train" and the after successful completion it will generate the model under "models" folder.
- Start rasa using the command "rasa shell" for command line mode, in case if you need a UI version run the command "rasa x"
- Start the actions using rasa run actions.

• The Transactions are stored into the mongodb using the actions, with sessionID as the collection name.



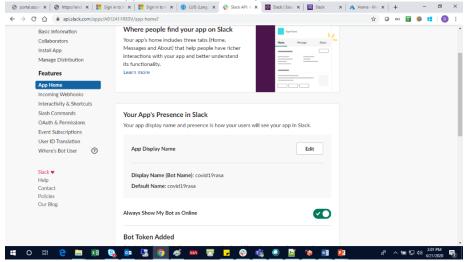
6.3 Telegram Integration:

- For Telegram integration, we need to expose our end url to intent, so download ngrok and run the command ngrok http command (default is 5005)
- Start a conversation with botfather and enter /newbot to create a newbot
- Give a name to your bot
- Give a username to your bot, which must end in _bot. This generates an access token.
- Open credentials.yml and enter the below informations
- Start the rasa using the command rasa run
- Now, you can search you bot with both name in telegram and start chatting.

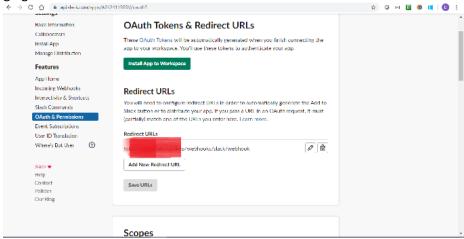


6.4 Slack Integration:

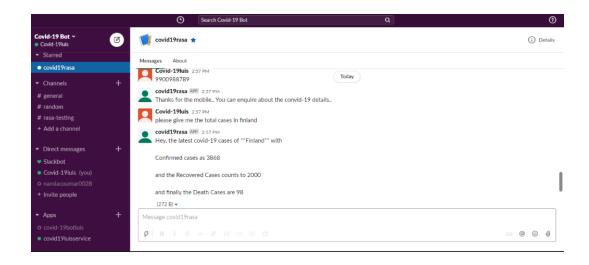
- For Slack integration, we need to create a slack app first (https://api.slack.com/apps)
- Give the slack name and the development workspace of the slack app.
- Under Features >App Home, select Always Show my Bot as Online



• Under Features -> OAuth & Permissions, add your redirect url you generated using ngrok.

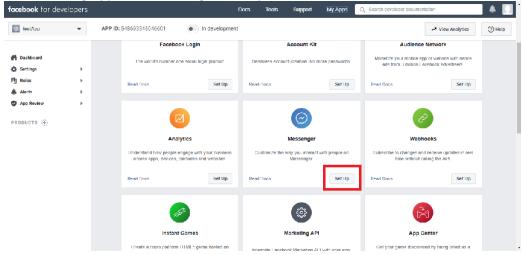


- Under Features -> OAuth & Permission, create the scopes for your bot as "app mentions:read", "channels:join", "chat:write".
- Under Features -> Events Subscriptions add your Request URL as the ngrok url as, for Eg., <a href="https://<ngrok>/webhooks/slack/webhook">https://<ngrok>/webhooks/slack/webhook.
- Under Features -> Events Subscriptions under scopes add the scopes of your bot such as "app:mention", "channel_created", "message:im", "message:mpim"
- Under Features -> OAuth & Permission, generate the OAuth token by clicking install app to work and you will be having the toke generated and starts as "xox.
- Paste the generated token in crendetials.yml as below.
- Launch your app in the workspace and you can chat with the bot.



6.5 Facebook Integration:

- Login to the FB application and create a page.
- Login to the FB for developers, and under MyApps Click "Create APP"
- After Creating App, select Message -> Setup.



- Under Access Tokens, Add you app and generate the token.
- In credentials.yml file add below,

facebook:

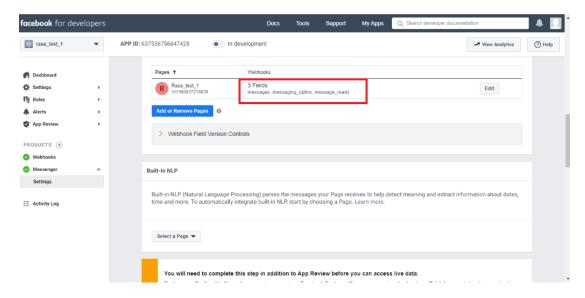
verify: <any name>

secret:

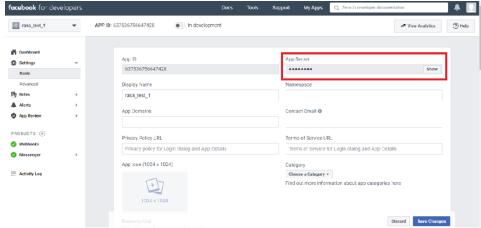
page-access-token <Paste the token generated in the previous step>

- Under Webhooks, edit and add the webhook url as
- <ngrok generated url /webhooks/facebook/webhook>
- Under Webhook -> Events select events as

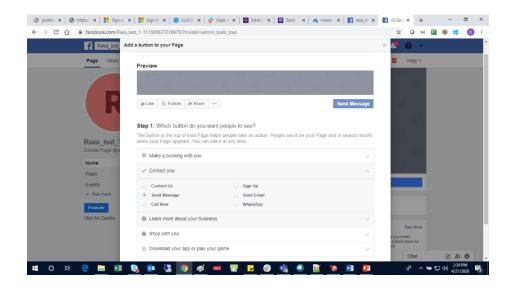
"messages","messaging_optins","message_read"



- Add the verify token as the verify token in credentials.yml.
- To fill the value of secret in credentials.yml, goto Settings -> Basic -> copy the app secret value and paste it.



- Goto facebook.com and go the page create and click "Add Button".
- Under "contact you" select "send message".



• After creating button, hover mouse towards the "send message" and click "test button" and start your conversation.

